

COMMISSIONERS MEETING

March 7, 2012

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At a regular meeting of the County Commissioners of the County of York, begun and holden at the York County Courthouse first floor courtroom in Alfred, within and for the County of York, being held on Wednesday, March 7, 2012 A. D. at 4:30 P. M.

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:

	Sallie Chandler
	Daniel C. Cabral
(Excused)	Richard R. Dutremble
	David Bowles
	Gary Sinden

County Manager Gregory Zinser and Finance Director Vicki Ridlon were present at the meeting.

All present were invited to rise and salute the flag of the United States.

Item 1 PUBLIC COMMENT(S) ON ANY ITEM(S)

None.

Item 2 TO REVIEW AND APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' REGULAR MEETING OF FEBRUARY 15, 2012 AND SPECIAL MEETING OF FEBRUARY 29, 2012.

Commissioner Bowles motioned to approve the minutes of the Commissioners' February 15th and February 29th, 2012 meetings. Commissioner Sinden seconded the motion. Vote 4-0.

Item 3 TO HEAR ANY REPORTS OF THE COMMISSIONERS

**Heard after Reports of County Manager*

Commissioner Bowles presented notes from the Board of Corrections meeting he attended on February 21, 2012.

Item 4 TO HEAR ANY REPORTS OF THE COUNTY MANAGER

County Manager Greg Zinser recommended the Commissioners approve a transfer from the contingency fund in the amount of \$8,452.91 from fiscal year 2011 to pay for unexpected septic expenses incurred at the new York County Government Building. He reminded the Commissioners they had been informed of this expense previously.

Commissioner Cabral motioned to transfer funds from the County's contingency fund in the amount of \$8,452.91 to cover unexpected septic expenses at the York County Government Building. Commissioner Sinden seconded the motion. Vote 4-0.

Finance Director Vicki Ridlon reported on the fund balance policy (supporting documents attached as part of the record).

County Manager discussed recommended year end budget transfers for reserve accounts (spreadsheet attached as record).

Mr. Zinser pointed out that an insurance stabilization account had been added to assist with any future insurance increases such as the over 24% increase the County was hit with for this year.

Commissioner Chandler questioned if the funds in the technology upgrades account could be used for the ortho imagery project that was not funded by the budget committee. She added that she, as well as the County Manager, and other Commissioners had been contacted by many of the officials in York County cities and towns who expressed their dismay that the project had not been funded. This, Chair Chandler, stated shows a disconnect between the towns and the budget committee.

The County Manager agreed.

Commissioner Sinden added that Eliot had to commit \$4,800.00 of taxpayer monies upon learning that the budget committee had removed the item from the County budget. Mr. Sinden agreed that it was a small cost for a valuable project.

Commissioner Bowles stated that he had attended a meeting of Southern Maine Regional Planning Commission at which attendees expressed their regret with the budget committee's decision not to fund the project. Mr. Bowles went on to state that the money is not taken from the budget and is not increasing the budget or increasing the assessments to York County cities and towns.

Commissioner Sinden motioned to accept the proposal for reserved/committed funds as presented by the Finance Director. Commissioner Bowles seconded the motion. Vote 4-0.

Commissioner Sinden motioned to take funds from the technology upgrades to provide funds (last years' funds) necessary to fund ortho-imagery. Commissioner Cabral seconded the motion. Vote 4-0.

The County Manager presented EMA Director Kimberley White-Kaiser to explain her request to consolidate all of her reimbursable accounts. She explained this is just a process that will make the process easier. (Chart of accounts attached as record.)

Commissioner Bowles motioned to authorize the consolidation of accounts. Commissioner Cabral seconded the motion. Vote 4-0.

The County Manager discussed the fiscal year change information previously distributed to the Commissioners. He added that he was directed by the Commissioners to look into this issue and that it makes financial sense.

Commissioner Bowles motioned to authorize the County Manager to move forward with the process of changing York County's budget to a fiscal year budget. Commissioner Sinden seconded the motion. Vote 3-0. (Commissioner Cabral left the meeting.)

Commissioner Sinden motioned to authorize Commissioner Chair Sallie Chandler to sign the National Corrections Employees Union contract on behalf of the Commissioners. Commissioner Bowles seconded the motion. Vote 3-0 (Commissioners Cabral and Dutremble absent)

The Manager reminded the Commissioners that the next meeting would begin at 4:00 p.m. and be held in the community room at the York County jail.

ITEM 5 NEW BUSINESS

Tax abatement denial hearing was postponed.

ITEM 6 OLD BUSINESS

None

ITEM 7 PUBLIC COMMENT(S) ON ANY ITEM(S)

None

**ITEM 8 TO CONDUCT AN EXECUTIVE SESSION ON PERSONNEL ISSUES
PURSUANT TO M.R.S.A. §405(6) (A) AND LABOR NEGOTIATIONS
PURSUANT TO M.R.S.A. § 405 (6) (D). TO CONDUCT AN EXECUTIVE
SESSION CONSULTATION WITH LEGAL COUNSEL PURSUANT
TO M.R.S.A. §405(6) (E).**

None

ITEM 9 ADJOURN

Commissioner Bowles motioned to adjourn. Commissioner Sinden seconded the motion. Vote 3-0.

Minutes taken by Executive Administrative Assistant

SIGNED: _____
Kathryn A. Dumont

ATTEST: _____
Sallie V. Chandler-Chair